

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 1072 - HB 1275**

February 26, 2021

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes the practice of physical and occupational therapy via telehealth, telemedicine, or provider-based telemedicine. Authorizes the practice of dry needling of the upper limb by a licensed occupational therapist.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Division of TennCare (Division), the Division currently covers telehealth services by physical and occupational therapists; therefore, no significant fiscal impact to the Division.
- The proposed legislation will not have a significant impact on the procedures or processes of the Health-Related Boards or the Department of Health; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Occupational Therapy had an annual surplus of \$17,894 in FY18-19, an annual deficit of \$24,228 in FY19-20, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$403,031 on June 30, 2020.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Physical Therapy had an annual surplus of \$82,547 in FY18-19, an annual surplus of \$23,655 in FY19-20, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$554,154 on June 30, 2020.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic".

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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